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RE: **Reply Comments** 

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Enclosed for filing are an original and three copies of the Reply Comments of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc.

An extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed, as well as a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. Please confirm your receipt of the filing of this application by date stamping the extra copy of this transmittal letter and returning it to the undersigned counsel.

Should additional information be desired, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING INC.

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## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)	)	MM Docket No. 98-88
Table of Allotments	)	RM 9285, 2654
FM Broadcast Station	)	RM 9285, RECEIVED
Wright, Wyoming	)	JUN <b>2</b> 4 1999
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#### REPLY COMMENTS

Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc. ("Bethesda"), through its counsel, hereby replies to the Petition for Rulemaking filed by Mount Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc. ("Rushmore") dated July 31, 1998. Therein, Rushmore sought to amend the FM table of allotments to assign Channel 268A to Wright, Wyoming as a substitute channel for Channel 268C proposed earlier by Mountain Tower Broadcasting ("Mountain Tower"). Via *Public Notice* (Report No. 2336), issued June 9, 1999, the Commission has treated the Rushmore rulemaking as a counterproposal to the proposal of Mountain Tower to allot Channel 268C to Wright, Wyoming as that community's first local aural transmission service.

Bethesda, the licensee of Radio Station KLMP(FM), Rapid City, South Dakota, supports the proposal to add a first allocation to Wright, Wyoming. While Bethesda believes that Wright, a community of some 1,236 persons, warrants its own station, Bethesda also agrees with Rushmore that a Class A facility is the most appropriate class of frequency to be assigned for such a small community. Thus, Bethesda endorses the Rushmore proposal that a channel be assigned to Wright, Wyoming. However, for reasons set forth below,

-1- Reply Comments of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc.

Bethesda proposes that instead of allocating Channel 268A to Wright that Channel 258A be substituted therefor.

Bethesda's request that Channel 258A be allocated to Wright instead of Channel 268A is based on Bethesda's desire to upgrade Station KLMP(FM) from a C-1 operation on Channel 250C-1 to a full Class C operating on Channel 250. Bethesda seeks to upgrade the operation of KLMP(FM) to a full C operation in order to enable Station KLMP to provide increased radio service to the Rapid City, South Dakota community.

If upgraded, Bethesda, through this pleading, confirms its intention and willingness to implement the full C upgrade by constructing a ne KLMP transmitter site on top of Terry Peak which will maximize the coverage achievable by a full 100 Kw Class C operation. This proposal will also allow Station KLMP(FM) to diplex its operation into the antenna of Station KSLT, Spearfish, South Dakota, which will operate from the same location. (Station KSLT is also owned by Bethesda.) From this location and height, Station KLMP(FM) will be able to provide 3.16 mV/m city grade coverage to all of the Rapid City city limits; currently an ability which is denied this station from its present location as a C-1 facility.

The proposed operation of Station KLMP(FM) from the Terry Peak site as a full C facility on Channel 250C is presently short spaced to Channel 249A<sup>1</sup>, currently allocated to Gillette, Wyoming. It also conflicts with Rushmore's proposed use of Channel 268A in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A filing window was opened for this frequency on August 11, 1997 for the channel. Three mutually exclusive applicants filed for that facility at three different transmitter sites. These applicants include Redwood Broadcasting, Inc., Ron Franscell and Kevin Clements. These mutually exclusive applications are scheduled for auction on September 28, 1999.

<sup>-2-</sup> Reply Comments of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc.

#### Wright, Wyoming.

Bethesda proposes to substitute Channel 282A (104.3 mHz) for Channel 249A at Gillette, Wyoming. This channel will work as a fully spaced facility at all three of the sites proposed by the above referenced applications. Moreover this channel change would eliminate the short spacing to KLMP's proposal to upgrade to a full Class C facility on Channel 250.

As noted above, Rushmore has proposed Channel 268A as an alternative to Tower Mountain's proposed use of Channel 268C at Wright, Wyoming. In order to accommodate Tower Mountain's desire to bring first service to Wright as well as Rushmore's proposal for a Class A assignment, Bethesda proposes to substitute Channel 258A (99.5 mHz) fir Channel 268. This allocation will meet all spacing requirements from the reference coordinates at Wright, Wyoming.

The attached engineering report, prepared by the firm of Munn-Reese, Inc., Bethesda's consultant, establishes that the proposed channel 250C can be allotted to Rapid City, South Dakota while accommodating Class A allocations to Gillette and Wright, Wyoming in full compliance with all of the Commission's rules and regulations. Furthermore, the proposed amendments will accomplish the following goals in favor of the public interest:

- Increased service to Rapid City, South Dakota though a Class C license issued to KLMP(FM); and
- 2. The assurance that both Gillette, Wyoming and Wright, Wyoming will
- -3- Reply Comments of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc.

maintain their channel allocations free from any interference while allowing new and additional service to be introduced to these communities.

Accordingly, Bethesda requests that the Commission amend §73.202(b) of its rules to specify the table of allotments as follows:

<u>CITY</u>	<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
Rapid City, SD	222C, 230C1, <u>250C1</u> , 254C1, 262C1, 281C1, 292C	222C, 230C1, <u>250C</u> , 254C1, 262C1, 281C1, 292C
Gillette, WY	245C1, <u>249A</u> , 264C1	245C1, 264C1, <b>282A</b>
Wright, WY		258A

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nancy Lee Kemper, a secretary in the law offices of Luvaas, Cobb, Richards & Fraser, P.C., certify that I have on this 23rd day of June, 1999 sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, on behalf of Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc., copies of the foregoing "Reply Comments" to:

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# In Support Of A Petition for Rulemaking To Make Changes To

47 C.F.R. §73.202(b)

Channel 250C for Channel 250C1 – Rapid City, SD Channel 282A for Channel 249A – Gillette, WY Channel 258A for Channel 251A – Wright, WY

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  Channel 258A at Wright, WY

#### CERTIFICATION OF ENGINEER

The firm of Munn-Reese, Inc., Broadcast Engineering Consultants, with offices at 100 Airport Drive, Coldwater, Michigan, has been retained for the purpose of preparing the technical data forming this report.

This report has been prepared by properly trained electronics specialists, under the direction of the undersigned, whose qualifications are a matter of record before the Federal Communications Commission.

The data utilized in this report was taken from the FCC Secondary Database and data on file. While this information is believed to be accurate, errors or omissions in the database and file data are possible. This firm cannot be held liable for damages as a result of those data errors or omissions.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the contents of this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

June 16, 1999

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This firm has been retained to prepare this Petition for Rulemaking for Bethesda Christian Broadcasting, Inc. (Bethesda) in support of a proposal to upgrade the facilities of KLMP, Rapid City, SD. Bethesda desires to upgrade the licensed operation of KLMP from Class C1 to Class C. To accomplish this, the KLMP transmitter site would be moved to the top of Terry Peak at coordinates NL 44°19′42″ by WL 103°50′03″, which becomes the reference point for this proposal, continue to operate with 100 kW effective radiated power (ERP), and increase height above average terrain (HAAT) from the present 119 meters to 579 meters, nearly full Class C facilities.

Figure 1 is a tabulation of the allocation spacings from the proposed reference point with the changes proposed below to eliminate current short-spacings. Figure 2 is a portion of a topographical map showing the location of the reference point on Terry Peak. There are several broadcast facilities presently operating from the location. Therefore, power is available for KLMP operating at this location. KLMP would proposed to diplex its operation into the antenna of KSLT, Spearfish, SD. an application pending before the FCC to upgrade facilities. Figure 3 is a map demonstrating, that from the proposed reference coordinates, KLMP would be able to provide 3.16 mV/m, city grade service, to all of the Rapid City city limits. facilities shown are for 100 kW ERP at 579 meters HAAT. This is the operation that KLMP would provide from the Terry location, at the time the upgrade is accomplished.

The site is presently short-spaced reference to allocation and one proposed alternate channel Channel 249A has been allotted another rulemaking procedure. for use at Gillette, WY with the reference coordinates specified at NL 44°17'36" by WL 105°30'06". A filing window was opened on August 11, 1997 for the channel. Three (3) mutually exclusive applicants filed for the facility. The applicants filed for three different transmitter site locations. Applicant #1, Kevin Clements, applied at NL 44°18'10" by WL 105°27'00". Applicant #2, Ron Franscell, applied at NL 44°14′53″ by WL 105°29′40″. Broadcasting, Inc., Applicant #3, applied Redwood 44°14′35″ by WL 105°32′19″. It is proposed to substitute Channel 282A, 104.3 MHz, for Channel 249A at Gillette, WY. channel, as demonstrated in Figure 4 through 4C, will work at the reference coordinates as well as all three applications By making this change, it would eliminate the shortspacing to the proposal for KLMP as a Class C facility.

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In similar fashion, Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc. has proposed Channel 251A as an alternative to Channel 268A at Wright, WY. The reference coordinates for this proposal are NL 43°44'49" by WL 105°28'12". It is proposed to substitute Channel 258A, 99.5 MHz, for the alternative Channel 251A. Channel 258A meets all the spacings from the Wright, WY reference coordinates as shown in Figure 5. By making this changes, it would eliminate the short-spacing to the proposal for KLMP as a Class C facility.

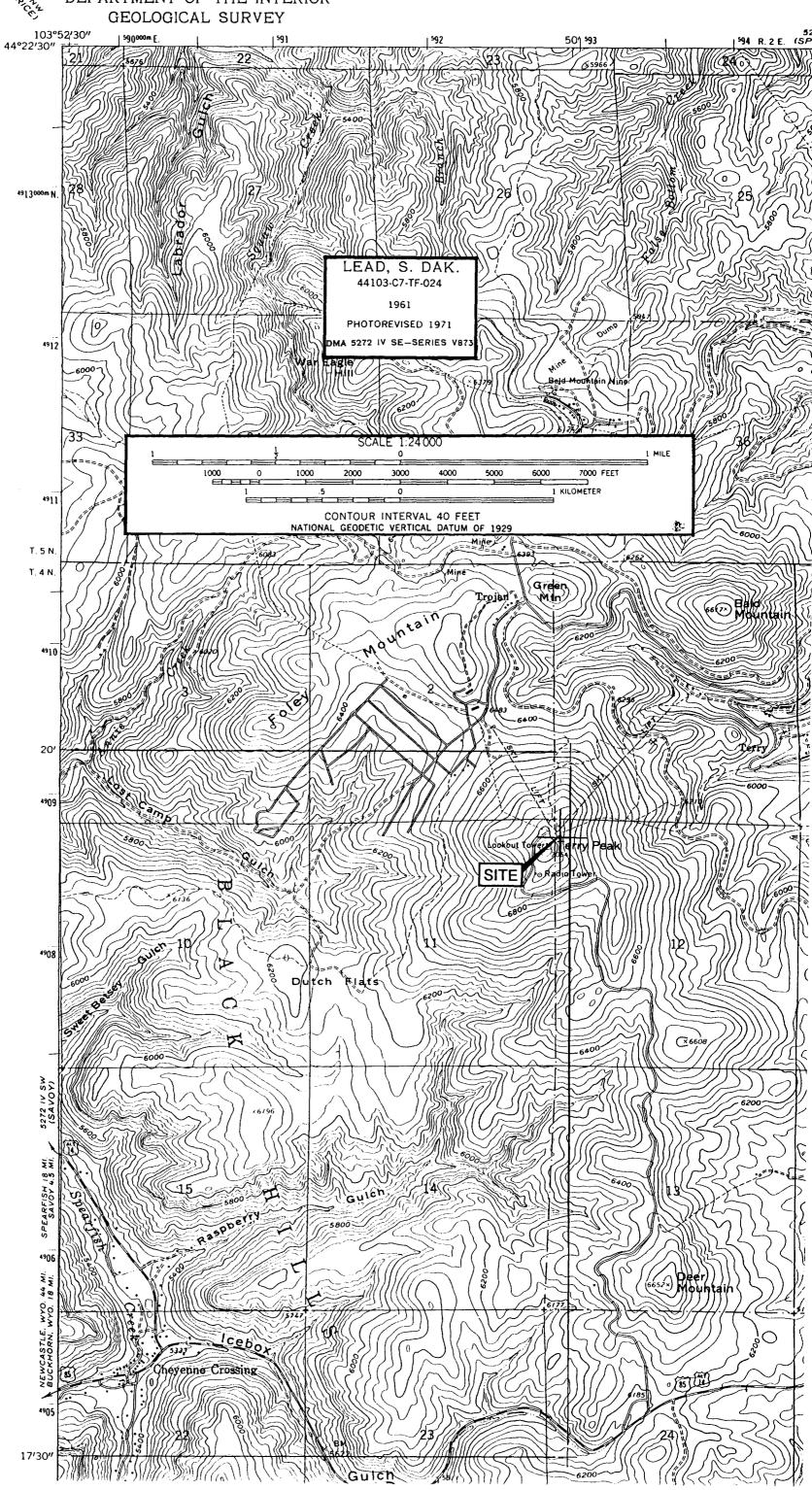
This proposal requests the FM Table of Allotments, found in 47 C.F.R. \$73.202(b) to be amended as follows:

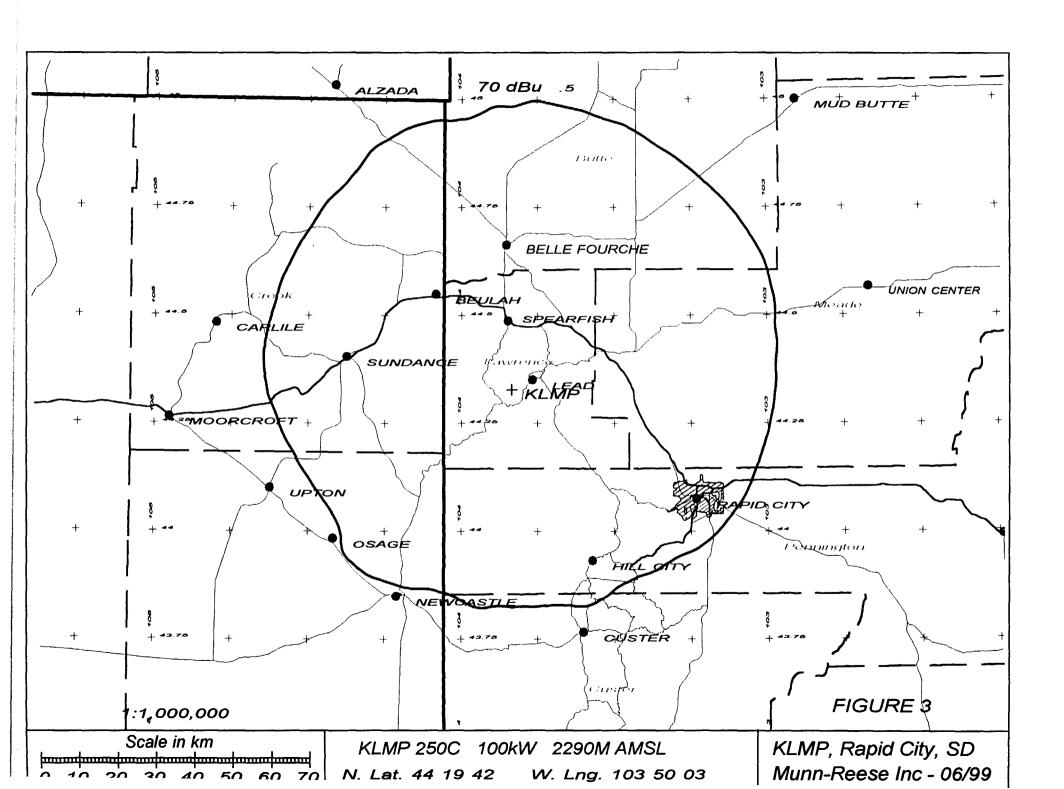
Community	Present Allocation	Proposed Allocation
Rapid City, SD	222C, 230C1, <u>250C1</u> , 254C1, 262C1, 281C1, 292C	222C, 230C1, <b>250C</b> , 254C1, 262C1, 281C1, 292C
Gilette, WY	245C1, <b>249A</b> , 264C1	245C1, 264C1, <u>282A</u>
Wright, WY		258A

### Figure 1 - Proposed KLMP Upgrade Rapid City SD

REFERENCE 44 19 42 N 103 50 03 W		= C acings	DATA	Y DATES 06-10-99
Call Channel N. Lat. W. Lng.			FCC	Margin
	N 0.000	kW 0 M		-290.00
Bethesda Christian			0616	212 20
KLMP LI 250C1 Rapi 44 02 46 103 14 41			270.0	-213.39
Bethesda Christian	Broadcasti	BLH6472 96	1223	
KQSK LI 248C1 Chac			105.0	92.20
42 38 06 103 06 12	CN 100.000	kW 256 M		
Eagle Communication	ons of Nebra	BLH790910AA 97	0627	

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#### Figure 4 - Alternate Channel for Allocation Reference Point - Gillette WY

REFERENCE 44 17 36 N 105 30 06 W	Curi - Channel	CLASS = rent Spa l 282 -	= A acin	gs .3 MHz		DATA	Y DATES 06-10-99 06-16-99
Call Channel Lo N. Lat. W. Lng.	I	Power		F	<b>HAAT</b>		
AD282 AL 282A GILLETT 44 17 36 105 30 06 Bethesda Christian Br	E N oadcasti	YW 0000.0	kW	0.00	0.0 0 M	115.0 516	-115.00
ALOPEN AL 228A Moorcro	ft	WY		44.02	93.9	10.0	34.02
44 15 54 104 57 06	N	0.000	kW		0 M		
97-127					9804	113	
A Filing Window for this Subsequent Order. Effective 4-13-98 per D97		will be	Ope:	ned by	the Commi	ission i	n a
KIQK LI 281C1 Rapid C		SD		181.91	98.8	133.0	48.91
44 01 19 103 15 33							
Tom-Tom Communication	s, Inc.		BLH	940826F	(A 9503	324	

## Figure 4A - Alternate Channel for Kevin Clements Application Site - Gillette WY

REFERENCE						Y DATES
44 18 10 N		CLASS =	= A		DATA	06-10-99
105 27 00 W	Cur	rent Spa	acings		SEARCH	06-16-99
	Channe	1 282 -	104.3 MHz			
Call Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
N. Lat. W. Lno	J•	Power		HAAT		
AD282 AL 282A (	TILETTE	WY	4.25	 255 7	115.0	-110.75
44 17 36 105 30	) 06 N	0.000	kW	0 M	110.0	110.70
Bethesda Christ					616	
ALOPEN AL 228A N						30.00
44 15 54 104 57						
97-127				9804	413	
A Filing Window for	this Channel	will be	Opened by	the Comm	ission i	n a
Subsequent Order.		_		-		
Effective 4-13-98 p	per D97-127					
KIQK LI 281C1 F		SD	178.00	99.4	133.0	45.00
44 01 19 103 15						
Tom-Tom Communi					324	

## Figure 4B - Alternate Channel for Ron Franscell Application Site - Gillette WY

	CLASS Current S	pacings		DATA SEARCH	Y DATES 06-10-99 06-16-99
Call Channel N. Lat. W. Lng.	Location	Dist	Azi		
AD282 AL 282A GILLE 44 17 36 105 30 06	N 0.00	Y 5.06 O kW	0 M		-109.94
Bethesda Christian ALOPEN AL 228A Moord 44 15 54 104 57 06 97-127	roft W			10.0	33.39
A Filing Window for thi Subsequent Order. Effective 4-13-98 per D		e Opened by			n a
KIQK LI 281C1 Rapid 44 01 19 103 15 33 Tom-Tom Communicati	City S CN 100.00	0 kW	164 M		47.64

## Figure 4C - Alternate Channel for Redwood Broadcasting Inc. Application Site - Gillette WY

REFERENCE 44 14 35 N 105 32 19 W	CLA Current Channel 28	SS = A Spacin 2 - 104	gs .3 MHz		DATA SEARCH	Y DATES 06-10-99 06-16-99
Call Channel I N. Lat. W. Lng.	Powe	r	H	IAAT		-
AD282 AL 282A GILLET 44 17 36 105 30 06 Bethesda Christian B	TTE N O.	WY 000 kW	6.32	27.7 0 M	115.0	
ALOPEN AL 228A Moorce 44 15 54 104 57 06 97-127	coft	WY	46.94	86.8	10.0	36.94
A Filing Window for this Subsequent Order. Effective 4-13-98 per D9		be Ope	ned by	the Commi	ission i	n a
KIQK LI 281C1 Rapid 44 01 19 103 15 33 Tom-Tom Communication	City CN 100.	000 kW		164 M		51.07

# Figure 5 - Alternate Channel for Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting Inc. Reference Site - Wright WY DISPLAY DATES

REFERENCE 43 44 49 N 105 28 12 W	Cur						Y DATES 06-10-99 06-16-99
	Channe	1 258 -	99	.5 MHz -			
Call Channel I N. Lat. W. Lng.  AD258 AL 258A WRIGHT 43 44 49 105 28 12 Bethesda Christian B AD259 AD 259A Pine H 44 21 28 104 48 36 Mount Rushmore Broad Alternate Channels	ocation	Power		Dist F	Azi <del>l</del> AAT	FCC	Margin
AD258 AL 258A WRIGHT 43 44 49 105 28 12	N	WY 0.000	kW	0.00	0.0 0 M	115.0	-115.00
Bethesda Christian B AD259 AD 259A Pine H 44 21 28 104 48 36	roadcasti aven	WY 0.000	kW	86.05	9906 37.6 0 M	72.0	14.05
Mount Rushmore Broad	casting,		R1	19460	9904	27	
Alternate Channels ALOPEN AL 257A Newcas 43 51 17 104 12 13 14185 W	tle N	WY 0.000	kW	102.62	82.8 0 M	72.0	30.62
14185 W	0= 971006		,	,	9710	07	
Applications filed durin EFFECTIVE 9-10-62.	_	_		_	_		
AP257 AP 257A Newcas	tle	WY		103.66	82.3	72.0	31.66
43 51 54 104 11 32	CN	6.000	kW		100 M		
AP257 AP 257A Newcas 43 51 54 104 11 32  Mount Rushmore Broad Received after close of AP257 AP 257A Newcas 43 52 58 104 10 39  Michael Radio Group	casting,		BPF	1971110N	1A 9712	10	
Received after close of	window.	W		105 00	01 2	72 0	22 00
13 52 58 104 10 30	CM	0 200 WI	<b>៤</b> ធ	105.00	01.3 01 M	12.0	33.00
Michael Radio Group	CIV	0.200	RDI	1971107N	91 M 4T 9712	1 0	
KUUY C CPM 261C1 Glendo		WY	<b>D</b> . 1	110.35	169.5	75.0	35.35
Michael Radio Group KUUY.C CPM 261C1 Glendo 42 46 13 105 13 21 Michael Radio Group	CN	55.000	kW	110.00	139 M	, 0.0	33.35
Michael Radio Group	011	]	ВМРІ	19811101	B 9901	25	
KKTYFM LI 257A Dougla	s	WY		113.27	182.5	72.0	41.27
42 43 42 105 31 46	CN	0.810	kW		162 M		
Douglas Broadcasting	, Inc.		BLE	1840320 <i>1</i>	AC 9703	18	
CP205 CP 205A Gillet	te	WY		51.39	0.2	10.0	41.39
44 12 34 105 28 04	CN	0.430	kW		134 M		
Montana State Univer	sity-Bill	]	BPEI	0980206N	1A 9902	05	
AD255 AD 255C1 Manvil	le	WY		127.88	147.0	75.0	52.88
42 46 45 104 37 02		0.000	kW		0 M		
*From Channel 261A per o KKTYFM LI 257A Dougla 42 43 42 105 31 46 Douglas Broadcasting CP205 CP 205A Gillet 44 12 34 105 28 04 Montana State Univer AD255 AD 255C1 Manvil 42 46 45 104 37 02 Mountain West Broadc	asting		RN	19535	9904	27	